



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Update from Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee and Save the Grape Bowl Committee

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2007

PREPARED BY: Steve Dutra, Interim Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive the presentation from the Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee and Save the Grape Bowl Committee and give direction as needed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2005, City Council assigned the Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission the task of selecting members of a Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee. At the Commissions February 2006 meeting Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee nominees were selected and forwarded on to the Council for consideration. Upon Council approval the Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee assembled its members and selected Richard Dean as Committee Chair. The committee has held several public workshops. It has hosted tours of the Grape Bowl and several out of town facilities.

On June 6, 2006, the Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee presented information regarding elements of the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and proposed Grape Bowl Concept Plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. This presentation was also given to City Council on July 5, 2006.

Following this presentation, a Save the Grape Bowl Steering committee was formed to pursue fundraising for the repairs to the Grape Bowl. Also at that time the Grape Bowl Ad Hoc Committee was suspended for one year.

Jack Fiori has spearheaded the Save the Grape Bowl Steering Committee. The Committee's assignment was to raise \$500,000 within a one year period. Several marketing efforts have been assembled plus a web site has been established. To date the Committee has raised \$108,025.

Richard Dean, along with Jack Fiori, will give the Council an update of the Committee's efforts.

APPROVED:


Blair King, City Manager

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Undetermined



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